

Statistic: Household Employment Survey (seasonally-adjusted)

Analysis:

Employed lowans (the number of lowans reporting that they currently have a job) decreased slightly in June. At 1,633,100, the number of employed lowans is down modestly from the all-time high established this past March. At 1,686,700, the number of lowans in the labor force (includes those employed plus those unemployed and looking for work) also decreased slightly compared to last month and the size of the Iowa labor force has declined by 20,000 since October 2014. The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.2%.

At the low point of the last U.S. recession, Iowa's unemployment rate peaked at 6.6% (May through August 2009). The unemployment rate has generally declined since that time. The number of unemployed lowans totaled 53,600 for June. This level is 10,500 below the level one year ago.

Additional information can be found on the Legislative Services Agency's Economic Trends webpage at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/fiscal/economicTrends>. The webpage includes links to source sites and the underlying data for each Economic Trends indicator.

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